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### BETTER SALARIES FOR TEACHERS.

The teachers of the Astoria public schools have made application to the school board for increased salaries. The request has been filed, perhaps to be taken up at some later date, but more likely to remain permanently in a pigeon-hole in the clerk's desk.

There is no class of public servants so important as school teachers. The character of the man is formed long before he attains his majority, and it is of the highest importance that the education of the child be properly looked after. The influence of the teacher is sweeping in effect and has much to do with the future success or failure of the pupil.

Despite this fact, teachers are notoriously the poorest paid of any public employes. Their work is difficult and exacting and well worth at least 25 per cent greater wages. If it is possible for the school board to devise ways and means to comply with the request of the teachers, it should by all means do so. In view of the action of the teachers of the Astoria schools the following from the Portland Journal will be of interest, the cases here and there being parallel:

"No laborer is more worthy of her hire than the school teacher. Much more is expected of her than is expressed in the school lessons laid down in the grade. Indeed some parents of Portland practically turn over to her the full responsibility of morally training their children and giving their minds a bent in the right direction. But no matter what aid may be given by the parents, heavy responsibilities still rest upon the conscientious teacher and the mere book teaching does not begin to cover them, nor is it even the most important element in the work.

"Decent compensation insures good talent and the best efforts. When the compensation in Portland falls below the figures which are offered in other cities in this region, Portland cannot expect to command the services of the best qualified teachers. With two and a half months in which they can expect no wages, with the future staring them in the face as it does every wage worker, they must in self defense seek out their services. In the main Portland has been exceedingly fortunate in this respect. Its teachers will average very well with teachers in corresponding grades in other cities on the coast. But just because many of them are forced through circumstances to remain here and accept what is offered them, is no reason why a rich municipality like Portland should take advantage of them. The city should be ready and willing to pay for whatever service is rendered it. Its teachers should be decently paid and whatever the school directors can legitimately do in this direction the public will approve."

### JUDGMENT AGAINST KOCH.

Though the world owes a great debt to the discovery of the bacillus of tuberculosis, it is steadily coming to realize that he is not an infallible authority concerning that disease. Prior to 1901 the medical profession was in general, though not absolute, accord about the practical identity of the human and bovine forms of the malady. In an international congress in London that year Koch uttered the opinion that they were essentially different, and that the two varieties were not intercommunicable. The declaration proved a profound sensation, but it was received with much skepticism. Even then there was a considerable volume of evidence pointing in the opposite direction. However, further investigation was desirable, if not necessary, and it has since been carried on under official and unofficial auspices with vigor, both in America and Europe. The latest verdict, from the royal commission in England, is adverse to Koch, as have been nearly all the important utterances of the last three years upon the subject. Today, therefore, the eminent German is almost alone in believing that tuberculosis cannot be conveyed to man from cattle and to cattle from man.

Upon a question of this sort, obviously, negative testimony may be less valuable than positive testimony. If equally competent experts make tests and secure different results, it may be hard to say why one set of experiments failed and why another succeeded. Still, if disease is transmitted by feeding or inoculation in only a limited number of cases, that fact demonstrates an alarming possibility. Part of

the trouble with Koch's researches, though, is intelligible. He looked in the wrong place for effects. He fed tuberculous human sputum to healthy calves, and after killing them, a few months later, examined the intestinal canals. He could detect no signs of trouble there, and inferred that none had been experienced. Dr. Sidney Martin, for the British royal commission, repeated these very tests, but sought indications of infection elsewhere, and found them! He concluded that the germs penetrated the body by other avenues than the intestine, unless the surface of the latter had been injured.

Koch's belief that the germs of bovine tuberculosis could not hurt a human subject was a mere surmise, based on the fact that among children an exceedingly small proportion of cases of intestinal consumption are observed. Dr. Martin's experiments, by showing that the effect of contaminated food may be felt in another part of an animal's body, are strongly suggestive of the danger to which children are exposed, and have fully as great force as Koch's guess. Furthermore, a number of physicians have in the last few years inoculated themselves or other persons with bacilli from diseased cattle, and have succeeded in developing the preliminary symptoms of tuberculosis. That is a kind of experiment which is not to be recommended, and it has not been undertaken by men of special note. However, enough has thus been accomplished perceptibly to strengthen the case against Koch.

The conclusions reached by the British royal commission and the majority of other experts who have studied the subject have a profound significance for people who use much milk. They point to the danger that this necessary article of food may occasionally breed disease among consumers of it. In Swithinbank and Newman's "Bacteriology of Milk" it is asserted that at the present time from 25 to 30 per cent of the milk cows in England are affected with tuberculosis. When samples of milk are taken at random in London, Liverpool, Manchester and other places, it is noticed that great differences exist in the quality of the specimens, but that from 8 to 12 per cent of the milk from the country contains germs of tuberculosis in greater or less abundance. Sometimes the number is small, but it has not yet been possible to say exactly where the minimum limit of peril lies. When infected milk is fed to guinea pigs, or injected into their veins, it frequently, though not invariably, communicates the disease. Hence the only thoroughly wise course to pursue is to make sure that the milk publicly sold contains no tuberculous bacilli at all. In large cities protection is often afforded by a rigid supervision of the traffic.

The people of the United States spend annually for literature, including books, newspapers and periodicals, a total of \$174,965,625. The same people spend annually for malt and alcoholic liquors the enormous sum of \$1,574,225,928. Whisky and beer cost annually five times as much as books, newspapers and magazines.

Prosperity has an affinity for prosperity. Think about it. The more you study the subject the clearer will this become. Having studied the subject properly, turn your attention to needs of your city and think what you can do for the good of the town. You will find it a very enjoyable and profitable occupation.

by officials designated by boards of health. There can be no harm, though, in the adoption of additional precautions by the buyer. He can insure a safe supply by purchasing through agencies that are themselves a guarantee of purity, or he can learn to Pasteurize the milk himself and thus rid it of germs.

The income of the emperor of Russia is \$25,000 a day; the sultan of Turkey, \$18,000; emperor of Austria, \$5,000; German emperor, \$8,000; king of Italy, \$6,000; king of England, \$6,500; king of Belgium, \$6,500; president of France, \$5,000; president of the United States, \$130.

In St. Paul the health officers compel persons who spit on sidewalks to take out their handkerchiefs and mop up the places they have befouled. If this practice is continued St. Paul ought speedily to become a Mecca of decent people.

There were eight more lynchings in 1903 than in 1902, the total for the United States being 104. No less than 8597 persons committed suicide in this country last year. The number of homicides increased from 8834 to 8976 in 1903.

The spirits distilled in the United States for the fiscal year amounted to 141,000,000 gallons; an increase of 13,000,000 gallons over the previous year, although the number of distilleries diminished 497.

Over 3,000,000,000 pennies have been shipped from the Philadelphia mint in the past five years. Placed side by side they would reach 23,000 miles or nearly around the earth.

England's navy stands first; is greater than any other two in the world. France's comes next; ours and Germany's nearly a tie for third place, and Italy's next after.

### JUST FOR INSTANCE.

One of New York's four hundred has been sued for a grocery bill and had to pay it. Hoch der common people!

A bas les bloated bondholders!

Kansas needn't kick because those deported miners are being dumped there. She needs a few good union men!

After Perdicaris is released it will be up to him to go on a lecture tour, all samee Ellen Stone!

That New York judge who said that the police were grafters is evidently not getting any of the graft!

Yletal attager eht fo draeh? Huh?

Bully Jones—No; bowlers are not always friends to the flowing bowl!

### Extra! Extra!

Port Arthur, June 11.—Admiral Togo is about to be socially ostracized! Yesterday he became enthused to such an extent that he served up explosives on the half-shell in such a manner that the outer works of the city were badly disfigured and people had to get off the promenade! He sent in word that the only thing to make him stop would be a white table cloth on the flag pole. Togo is getting ridiculous. General Buttinski gave a banquet last night to demonstrate the edible qualities of army mule. The merchants are leaving the town for the summer. They state that at present Port Arthur isn't exactly a health resort. The matter has been referred to the sanitary department of the municipality. Junks are going down regularly—to the bottom! Communication with Vladivostok is kept up by means of that gossamer thread of sympathy that links together brothers in distress!

LI LI KHEL.

It is not by one's own qualities that one is known as a superior of Germany is celebrated in the manner in which he mustache.

Some men shake their exercise shaking hands.

There is no kind of an Aw. What's the use of do. Hobson act, anyway?

McCULLLEY.

### HERE AT HOME.

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